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VRAKAS INITIATES COUNTYWIDE BROADBAND EFFORT
Access Will Increase Competitive Advantage

WAUKESHA – Waukesha County Executive Dan Vrakas announced today that he is initiating a countywide effort to implement wireless and broadband data capability throughout Waukesha County to increase its competitive advantage in the global marketplace.

The ultimate goal of the project is to provide businesses and residents in urban and rural parts of the County with access to broadband technology through combined wireless and wired infrastructure advancements.

“Wireless or ‘hot’ communities are coming on-line at an accelerated pace,” said Vrakas. “By calling for this project, Waukesha County is uniquely positioned to help level the playing field with respect to providing all our communities with access to broadband technology. I believe that this will boost economic development, enhance public safety communication efforts, and will be a benefit to our residents who want such access in their homes and businesses.”

On, Tuesday, March 14, Waukesha County Information Technology Division staff will present the impact of wireless broadband access to the County Board.

The county is currently looking for public and private sector partners to assist with project planning. If you are interested in getting involved, please call Information Technology Division Manager Mike Biagioli at (262) 548-7610 or send e-mail to mbiagioli@waukeshacounty.gov.

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